

## **Youth Resource Connections**

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### **Youth Headlines**

**Skilled Worker Shortage Persists.** The Skills Gap 2001, a new report by the National Association of Manufacturers, the Manufacturing Institute's Center for Workforce Success, and Arthur Andersen, finds that 80 percent of manufacturers report a moderate to severe shortage of qualified job candidates despite the recession. Most of the firms surveyed said their most serious workforce shortages are in production areas ranging from entry-level workers, operators, machinists, and craft workers, technicians and engineers. To download, go to <http://www.nam.org/tertiary.asp?TrackID=&CategoryID=107&DocumentID=23973>

### **Resources & Opportunities for Youth**

**Federal Agencies Offer Students Temporary Employment-Summer and Year-Round Program Available.** Several federal government agencies offer students employment opportunities in the Student Temporary Employment Program (STEP). Both summer and year-round positions are available, paying \$300-\$700 week during the summer, depending on their education and experience. For more information visit the USAJOBS web site at: <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov/a13.htm>.

**Web Site Helps Students Prepare College Essay.** Explore this on-line resource on <http://www.essayedge.com/teachers/> that offers free packets on essay writing for scholarships and college applications.

### **Upcoming Events**

**Youth Offender Grantee Conference April 17-19.** A Youth Offender Grantees conference will be held at the New Orleans Marriott. The conference is entitled "Sustaining Access to Employment for Youth Offenders and Youth at Risk of Court Involvement" and is sponsored by ETA (OPR) and the Dept of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice Programs. **Contact:** Allison Vitalo (202-693-3679; [avitalo@doleta.gov](mailto:avitalo@doleta.gov))

**Register Now For Leadership Institute-July 20-26.** The next session of the Youth Opportunity (YO) Grants Leadership Institute (YOGLI) will take place July 20-26 at the National Conference Center (formerly the Xerox Conference Center) in Leesburg, VA. **Contact:** Linda Reed or Yolanda Tully at the National Center for Strategic Nonprofit Planning and Community Leadership (NPCL) at 202-822-6725 or email: [lreed@npcl.org](mailto:lreed@npcl.org). **Registration deadline: April 19.**

**Conference on Welfare-to-Work to be held in New Orleans May 13-15.** The 2002 National Summit on Performance Measurement and Case Management: Strategies for Welfare-to-Work Programs will be held in New Orleans, LA on May 13-15. Welfare-to-work service providers will convene to share "lessons learned," and strategies for innovations for designing, implementing and measuring successful welfare-to-work programs. For more information visit <http://www.performanceweb.org/pdf/s109.pdf>.

### **Program Spotlight**

**"YO! Is For You."** Check out the Baltimore YOG's bimonthly newsletter at <http://www.yobaltimore.org/newsletter.html>. Highlights of the newsletter include information on: job readiness and customized training opportunities, internships, employment opportunities, sports and recreation, cultural enrichment activities and more.

**Girls Today Women Tomorrow (GTWT) Recognizes Young Leaders.** Founded in 1996, as a Building Up Los Angeles after school leadership club, GTWT is now a partner with the Los Angeles Youth Opportunity (YO) Movement. Thirteen young women recently participated in the GTWT Joshua Tree Leadership Retreat held on March 15-17. Highlights of the retreat included leadership, mentoring, and teambuilding activities. For more information about the retreat and GTWT's mission and vision, visit <http://www.gtwt.org/>.

### **WIA Youth Updates**

#### **TEGL 15-01: Revised and Expanded "Questions and Answers" on Welfare-to-Work.**

Through a Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL 15-01), ETA has transmitted a set of revised and expanded Welfare-to-Work (WtW) "Questions and Answers." The TEGL can be found on the Welfare-to-Work [web page \(wtw.doleta.gov\)](http://www.doleta.gov).

#### **WIA Reauthorization Forum Schedule for April.**

- **April 17. Washington, DC.** Contact: Maria Kniesler Flynn, 202-693-3045, Dolores Beran-Hall, 202-693-2794, or Angela L. Davis, 202-693-2789.
- **April 17. Los Angeles, CA.** Contact: Christine Chudd, 415-975-4655.
- **April 18. Philadelphia, PA.** Contact: Brenda Vandergrift, 215-861-5223.
- **April 22. Worcester, MA.** Contact: Kerin Burke & Heather Graham (617-565-2253), or Holly O'Brien (617-565-2243)
- **April 23. Concord, NH.** Contact: Kerin Burke & Heather Graham (617-565-3630), or Holly O'Brien (617-565-2243)
- **April 25. New York, NY.** Contact: Cynthis Smillie or Lori Stanislaus (212-337-2139)
- **April 30. Kansas City, MO.** Contact: Fred Homan at (312) 353-0313
- **April 30. Dallas, TX.** Contact: Ann Cole (214 767-2154, ext. 229), Felecia Blair (ext. 233) or Rebecca Sarmiento (ext. 232)

### **Publications/Reports/Resources**

**Foster Care Puts Youth at High Risk Educationally.** A report by the Education Law Center "Lost in the Shuffle: Foster Care and Public Education," highlights how the foster care system in Pennsylvania puts many children at a high risk educationally. For more information, including a copy of the Executive Summary of the Report, go to: <http://www.psrn.org/foster%20care%20news.html>.

**Packard Foundation Releases Journal on Children and Welfare.** The winter/spring 2002 issue of the David and Lucile Packard Foundation's "The Future of Children" journal examines the effects of welfare reform on children. To download a copy, go to <http://www.futureofchildren.org/index.htm>.

**Second National WIB Survey Report.** The National Leadership Institute for Workforce Excellence commissioned a comprehensive survey of local and state Workforce Investment Board leaders to chart their progress and identify areas in which they may need assistance. The results can be downloaded at: [www.heldrich.rutgers.edu/news2.cfm?id=65](http://www.heldrich.rutgers.edu/news2.cfm?id=65)

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**CBO Schools: Profiles in Transformational Education** is a new report from the Academy for Educational Development (AED) that looks at community-based organization (CBO) schools and how they quietly and effectively engage students. To download, go to: [www.aed.org/pubs.html](http://www.aed.org/pubs.html). For more information, e-mail: [cyd@aed.org](mailto:cyd@aed.org).

### **Funding Opportunities**

**HUD Sets May 30 Deadline for Youthbuild Grants; Plans \$59.7 Million in Awards.** The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) plans to award \$59,750,000 in grants for **Youthbuild** --a nationally recognized youth program that combines, learning, earning and community service. **Deadline: May 30.** For more information, go to: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/grants/nofa/grpyouth.cfm>.

**Verizon Foundation Offers Literacy and Workforce Development Grants in California and New York/ Connecticut Service Areas.** The Verizon Foundation supports a range of programs that focus on improving basic and computer literacy, bridging the digital divide, enriching communities through technology, and creating a skilled work force. **Deadline: Various.** Review the complete guidelines and eligibility information at <http://foundation.verizon.com/index.shtml>.

**Scotts "Give Back to Grow Awards" to Honor Community Gardeners.** The Scotts Company, a supplier of products for lawn and garden care and professional horticulture has launched its 3rd annual Give Back to Grow Awards honoring individuals who give back to their communities through gardening. **Deadline: December 6.** For more information visit <http://www.scotts.com/community/GBTGNominationFB.cfm>.

**ACT Grants for Supporting At-Risk Students.** The American College Testing (ACT) Awards Program supports programs and efforts that help at-risk students. Awards are made in the form of ACT programs, services, consultation, and resources. Each year, ACT offers four to six awards with a total value of \$50,000. **Deadline: May 15.** For more information visit <http://www.act.org/research/awards/index.html>.

### **Websites**

**Job Corps Training Resource Center Web Site -- Resources for Occupational Skills Training.** The National Office of Job Corps offers a web site that contains information about resources to help you develop quality career development and occupational skills training programs for young people--especially out of school youth. Check out the Job Corps Career Development Resource Center (JCCDRC) web site on <http://www.jccdrc.org>.

### **Important Dates to Remember**

**April 10–12.** Arts to Career Peer-to-Peer Training for Youth Opportunity Grantees, Denver, CO. Contact: Gloria Salas-Kos at 202/693-3596 or [gsalas@doleta.gov](mailto:gsalas@doleta.gov)

**April 11-13.** Summit on Financial Literacy, in Atlanta, Georgia.

Contact: Call 888-534-7929 # 15 or visit [www.YoungBiz.com](http://www.YoungBiz.com) and click on the Summit link.

**April 18.** Deadline for **Seventh Annual PEPNet Award Recognition**. Applications are available on the National Youth Employment Coalition web site: <http://www.nyec.org/pepnet/>

**April 26-28.** National Youth Service Day (NYSD). For more information visit <http://www.ysa.org/nysd/>.

**April 28–30.** RURAL WORKFORCE 2002 CONFERENCE, the Reno Hilton - Reno, NV. Contact: Kris Latimer 541-928-0241, ext. 219 or visit <http://www.tocowa.org/2002.html>.

**May 1-3.** Year 3 Youth Opportunity Grant Partners Meeting – Tampa, FL.

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Contact: Hugh Davies, (202) 693-3497 or [hdavies@doleta.gov](mailto:hdavies@doleta.gov).

**May 8.** National Day to Prevent Teen Pregnancy. Visit

<http://www.teenpregnancy.org/about/announcements/events/theday.asp> for updates.

**May 13-15.** 2002 National Summit on Performance Measurement and Case Management: Strategies for Welfare-to-Work. New Orleans, LA. Visit: <http://www.performanceweb.org/pdf/s109.pdf>

**May 13-17.** Financial Management Training – Chicago. Visit

<http://usworkforce.org/events/FinancialTrainingChicago2.pdf>.

**June 26-28.** US Department of Health and Human Services hosts the National YOUTH Summit-By Youth, With Youth, & For Youth, at the Washington DC Hilton.

Visit: [www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/fysb/summit.html](http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/fysb/summit.html) for information and online registration.

**July 9–11.** Workforce Innovations 2002 Conference, Nashville, Tennessee.

Contact: Gardner Carrick, 202-693-3689.

**July 27-31.** The National Urban League hosts its 2002 Annual Conference in Los Angeles, California and its Youth Summit from July 25 –29. Call 212-558-5385 for more information.

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**We welcome your input.** Please let us know how these updates might be improved to better serve your needs. If you would like to contribute information, post an inquiry, or suggest topics to cover, please contact Anne Stom ([Astom@doleta.gov](mailto:Astom@doleta.gov); 202-693-3377); DeEtta Roberson-Carter ([droberon-Carter@doleta.gov](mailto:droberon-Carter@doleta.gov); 202- 693-3610) or Susan Rosenblum ([srosenblum@doleta.gov](mailto:srosenblum@doleta.gov); 202-693-3597).

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